

**South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services**  
**FY 2020 Proviso 117.72 Report – IMD Operations**

### **Changes to Authorization Process and Agency Match Responsibilities**

On July 1, 2014, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) changed the referral process for community and facility-based behavioral health services. The requirement that child-serving state agencies be the sole referral source for PRTF admissions was removed. The agency Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) continued to prior authorize the admissions. When the state agency involvement requirement was eliminated, SCDHHS assumed financial responsibility for covering the state's share of these Medicaid-covered services. As a result, the corresponding services that had previously been financed by other agencies using the IMD transition funds are now covered by SCDHHS and are reported here accordingly.

### **Changes in Utilization and Treatment Venue**

The number of South Carolina Medicaid beneficiaries placed in PRTFs increased <7% from FY16 through FY18. FY19 showed a 16% decrease from FY18 in the number of unique beneficiaries admitted to PRTFs and a 7% decrease of total admissions. This decrease is likely a result in increased coordination of care since the benefit was added to managed care at the start of FY18. FY20 showed an increase of five unique beneficiaries (<1%) admitted compared to FY19 and an increase of 2% in total admissions. During the same time frame (FY19-FY20) there was a decrease of 24% in incurred claims.

On July 1, 2017, PRTF rates were rebased after SCDHHS reviewed PRTF's most recent cost reports. Additionally, ancillary services including pharmacy are no longer included in the daily rate. PRTFs now have the flexibility to enroll as ancillary service providers and bill South Carolina Medicaid separately for those services.

Two PRTFs have closed in the last twelve months:

- Generations (30 licensed beds, Fountain Inn) closed on March 24, 2020
- Marshall I. Pickens (22 licensed beds, Greenville) closed on April 3, 2020

Effective January 1, 2020, SCDHHS implemented a rate change to the SC DMH long-term psychiatric facility per diem rates. This increased composite SFY2019 IMD children expenditures by approximately \$160,000.

### **COVID-19**

As a part of the state's preparation and response to COVID-19, SCDHHS announced an array of temporary modifications to policies related to telehealth coverage including behavioral health. The agency is conducting analysis on the impact of these additional treatment flexibilities.

### **Data**

The tables that follow provide additional detail on the numbers of beneficiaries and claims for private and public PRTFs and inpatient psychiatric hospitals.

**PRTFs, Claims by Incurred Year**

	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY2017</b>	<b>FY2018</b>	<b>FY2019</b>	<b>*FY2020</b>
<b>Provider Name</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>
ABS LINC SC INC	\$ 5,761,627.33	\$ 6,025,054.13	\$ 5,151,909.77	<i>see Palmetto Pines</i>	<i>see Palmetto Pines</i>
AVALONIA GROUP HOMES INC	\$ 1,864,466.10	\$ 2,884,793.13	\$ 2,525,810.32	\$ 2,767,098.67	\$ 2,097,885.69
BROADSTEP ACADEMY-SC INC	<i>see Willow Glen</i>	<i>see Willow Glen</i>	<i>see Willow Glen</i>	<i>see Willow Glen</i>	\$ 2,445,773.14
CHESTNUT HILL MENTAL HEALT	\$ 3,267,922.80	\$ 1,477,402.24	\$ 49,405.02	\$ -	\$ 79,451.81
EXCALIBUR YOUTH SERVICES	\$ 2,114,749.53	\$ 2,203,321.05	\$ 1,040,464.74	\$ 1,024,862.39	\$ 824,054.92
GENERATIONS RESIDENTIAL PR	\$ 2,040,768.45	\$ 1,868,931.27	\$ 1,772,915.28	\$ 1,553,654.34	\$ 831,147.66
GREENVILLE HEALTH SYSTEM	\$ 1,647,445.80	\$ 1,498,564.20	\$ 916,308.84	\$ 805,134.73	<i>see Prisma MIP</i>
HILLSIDE INC	\$ -	\$ 79,200.00	\$ 85,440.00	\$ 97,920.00	\$ 20,165.80
LAUREL HEIGHTS HOSPITAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,888.15
LIGHTHOUSE CARE CENTER OF	\$ 1,408,149.00	\$ 1,124,959.64	\$ 11,913.38	\$ -	\$ -
LIGHTHOUSE CARE CENTER OF	\$ 1,468,798.40	\$ 1,511,541.30	\$ 1,170,597.19	\$ 1,484,404.11	\$ 1,683,468.95
NEW HOPE CAROLINAS INC	\$ 1,283,921.10	\$ 1,492,611.75	\$ 2,782,424.16	\$ 1,925,427.18	\$ 1,803,109.54
PALMETTO PEE DEE BH LLC	\$ 5,473,498.14	\$ 5,563,682.52	\$ 3,946,085.66	\$ 2,612,529.58	<i>closed 6.30.2019</i>
PALMETTO PINES BEHAVIORAL	<i>see ABS LINC</i>	<i>see ABS LINC</i>	<i>see ABS LINC</i>	\$ 4,270,764.64	\$ 4,009,631.33
PRISMA HEALTH MARSHALL I P	<i>see Greenville HS</i>	<i>see Greenville HS</i>	<i>see Greenville HS</i>	<i>see Greenville HS</i>	\$ 254,394.69
SOUTH CAROLINA DEPT OF MEN	\$ 576,224.40	<i>closed 10.2015</i>	<i>closed 10.2015</i>	<i>closed 10.2015</i>	<i>closed 10.2015</i>
THE DEVEREUX FOUNDATION	\$ -	\$ 617,797.80	\$ 84,026.25	\$ 75,470.85	\$ 190,663.20
THREE RIVERS RESIDENTIAL	\$ 5,274,296.52	\$ 5,420,858.70	\$ 3,922,187.64	\$ 4,174,065.25	\$ 3,387,484.52
WILLOWGLEN ACADEMY SC INC	\$ 3,786,986.70	\$ 3,876,512.85	\$ 1,962,408.06	\$ 2,933,605.50	<i>see Broad Step</i>
WINDWOOD FARM HOME FOR CHI	\$ 1,293,393.15	\$ 1,266,504.75	\$ 1,378,914.48	\$ 1,453,607.36	\$ 1,476,277.04
YOUTH AND FAMILY CENTERED	\$ -	\$ 117,150.00	\$ 220,550.00	\$ 136,950.00	\$ -
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 37,262,247.42</b>	<b>\$ 37,028,885.33</b>	<b>\$ 27,021,360.79</b>	<b>\$ 25,315,494.60</b>	<b>\$ 19,154,396.44</b>
<i>*Claims and encounter data updated as of 10/10/2020</i>					
<b>NOTES:</b>					
- Amounts Paid include Fee-for-Service and MCO Payments					
- All PRTFs are private, except for the DMH facility, which closed in October 2015.					

**Note:** The Department of Mental Health’s facility was the only public PRTF until its October 2015 closure. All other PRTFs are private.

**PRTFs, Unduplicated Patients by Year**

<b>2016-2020</b>					
	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>FY2017</b>	<b>FY2018</b>	<b>FY2019</b>	<b>*FY2020</b>
<b>Provider Name</b>	<b>Patients</b>	<b>Patients</b>	<b>Patients</b>	<b>Patients</b>	<b>Patients</b>
ABS LINCS SC INC	99	105	134	0	0
AVALONIA GROUP HOMES INC	38	58	74	74	62
BROADSTEP ACADEMY-SC INC	0	0	0	0	57
CHESTNUT HILL MENTAL HEALT	65	32	2	0	22
EXCALIBUR YOUTH SERVICES	55	53	42	28	39
GENERATIONS RESIDENTIAL PR	36	29	33	27	26
GREENVILLE HEALTH SYSTEM	35	34	64	26	0
HILLSIDE INC	0	0	1	1	1
LAUREL HEIGHTS HOSPITAL	0	0	0	0	2
LIGHTHOUSE CARE CENTER OF	63	55	5	0	0
LIGHTHOUSE CARE CENTER OF	30	30	48	71	82
NEW HOPE CAROLINAS INC	26	48	75	60	52
PALMETTO PEE DEE BH LLC	104	102	98	60	0
PALMETTO PINES BEHAVIORAL	0	0	0	139	157
PRISMA HEALTH MARSHALL I P	0	0	0	0	17
SOUTH CAROLINA DEPT OF MEN	14	0	0	0	0
THE DEVEREUX FOUNDATION	0	12	2	2	9
THREE RIVERS BEHAVIORAL CA	0	0	0	0	0
THREE RIVERS RESIDENTIAL	102	107	123	116	140
WILLOWGLEN ACADEMY SC INC	60	67	62	53	0
WINDWOOD FARM HOME FOR CHI	30	31	29	30	37
YOUTH AND FAMILY CENTERED	0	1	2	1	0
<b>Total Unique Patients</b>	<b>695</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>741</b>	<b>619</b>	<b>624</b>
<b>Total Patient Visits</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>752</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>704</b>
<i>*Claims and encounter data updated as of 10/10/2020</i>					
<b>NOTES:</b>					
- Patient Counts include Fee-for-Service and MCO Members					
- All PRTFs are private, except for the DMH facility, which closed in October 2015.					

### Public Inpatient Psychiatric Hospitals, Claims by Incurred Year

	FY 2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	*FY2020
Provider Name	Amount Paid				
WILLIAM J MCCORD ADOLESCEN	\$ 1,423,329.66	\$ 1,533,781.21	\$ 1,595,701.33	\$ 1,282,915.87	\$ 1,037,515.70
SOUTH CAROLINA DEPT OF MEN (Harris)	\$ 191,136.15	\$ 97,535.40	\$ 44,132.40	\$ 2,530,817.46	\$ 2,130,953.45
SOUTH CAROLINA DEPT OF MEN (Hall)	\$ 6,762,163.63	\$ 5,450,810.37	\$ 4,730,147.48	\$ 5,181,419.54	\$ 2,892,153.87
SOUTH CAROLINA DEPT OF MEN (Bryan)	\$ 68,496.48	\$ 129,389.25	\$ 191,671.41	\$ 399,199.23	\$ 199,856.67
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 8,445,125.92</b>	<b>\$ 7,211,516.23</b>	<b>\$ 6,561,652.62</b>	<b>\$ 9,394,352.10</b>	<b>\$ 6,260,479.69</b>
<i>*Claims and encounter data updated as of 10/10/2020</i>					
<i>Includes Fee-for-Service and MCO Payments</i>					

### Public Inpatient Psychiatric Hospitals, Unduplicated Patients by Year

	FY 2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	*FY2020
Provider Name	Patients	Patients	Patients	Patients	Patients
WILLIAM J MCCORD ADOLESCEN	100	95	91	75	68
SOUTH CAROLINA DEPT OF MEN (Harris)	6	6	2	21	13
SOUTH CAROLINA DEPT OF MEN (Hall)	395	391	291	373	279
SOUTH CAROLINA DEPT OF MEN (Bryan)	2	5	6	10	8
<b>Total Unique Patients</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>366</b>
<b>Total Patient Visits</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>368</b>
<i>*Claims and encounter data updated as of 10/10/2020</i>					
<i>Includes Fee-for-Service Beneficiaries and MCO Members</i>					

### Private Inpatient Psychiatric Hospitals, Claims by Incurred Year

	FY 2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	*FY2020
Provider Name	Amount Paid				
PALMETTO LOWCOUNTRY BEHAVI	\$ 1,288,883.76	\$ 1,428,697.12	\$ 2,227,474.53	\$ 1,944,899.25	\$ 3,287,723.76
THE CAROLINA CENTER FOR BE	\$ 624,252.56	\$ 495,713.28	\$ 650,126.54	\$ 841,288.72	\$ 3,581,666.43
THREE RIVERS BEHAVIORAL HE	\$ 1,197,687.94	\$ 1,502,458.04	\$ 1,867,310.91	\$ 3,974,989.31	\$ 5,969,551.20
REBOUND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	\$ 1,901,119.17	\$ 955,396.34	\$ 270,084.41	\$ 482,680.40	\$ 1,230,511.14
LIGHTHOUSE CARE CENTER OF	\$ 1,469,398.51	\$ 1,423,409.26	\$ 1,170,597.19	\$ 1,484,404.11	\$ 1,683,468.95
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 6,481,341.94</b>	<b>\$ 5,805,674.04</b>	<b>\$ 6,185,593.58</b>	<b>\$ 8,728,261.79</b>	<b>\$ 15,752,921.48</b>
<i>*Claims and encounter data updated as of 10/10/2020</i>					
<i>Includes Fee-for-Service and MCO Payments</i>					

**Private Inpatient Psychiatric Hospitals, Unduplicated Patients by Year**

	FY 2016	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	*FY2020
Provider Name	Patients	Patients	Patients	Patients	Patients
PALMETTO LOWCOUNTRY BEHAVI	373	410	654	587	841
THE CAROLINA CENTER FOR BE	176	135	179	237	763
THREE RIVERS BEHAVIORAL HE	319	361	434	937	1,255
REBOUND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	478	279	71	107	266
LIGHTHOUSE CARE CENTER OF	293	302	39	72	82
<b>Total Unique Patients</b>	<b>1,478</b>	<b>1,366</b>	<b>1,303</b>	<b>1,798</b>	<b>2,964</b>
<b>Total Patient Visits</b>	<b>1,639</b>	<b>1,487</b>	<b>1,514</b>	<b>1,940</b>	<b>3,207</b>
<i>*Claims and encounter data updated as of 10/10/2020</i>					
<i>Includes Fee-for-Service Beneficiaries and MCO Members</i>					

**Treatment Trends**

Over the last thirty-five years, behavioral health services have shifted nationally from a primary focus on inpatient, psychiatric residential treatment to a community-based approach addressing comprehensive behavioral health concerns. This trend follows the “recovery movement” model with specific attention to an individual’s right to effective treatment and support systems, the importance of the individual fully participating in the community, and an increased emphasis on coping strategies that will allow for successful navigation of challenges, facilitation of recovery, and resiliency training. This is in juxtaposition to a model focusing primarily on symptom management. The shift is also a result of judicial decisions (e.g., Olmstead vs. L.C.), significant improvement in medication and its side-effects, and the successful implementation of community evidenced-based practices.

In response to Olmstead vs. L.C., for example, several federal agencies increased financial assistance to states for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS). In 2007, Indiana used a grant to study a pilot program for Community Alternative – Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (CA-PRTF). Their findings included a 44% overall functioning improvement rate for beneficiaries in the grant vs. 32.64% for those in regular public services. They also found that improvement in any one domain of functioning was 71.2% for grant-funded beneficiaries vs. 55.5% for those in regular public services. By 2007, half of states reported decreasing their PRTF length-of-stay to 30 days or less, while Arkansas, Georgia, and Tennessee reported that over 90% of discharged patients received 30 or fewer days of PRTF treatment prior to transitioning into community-based services (Eckhart, 2010).